

SENATE RESOLUTION 12

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Courtney Good as a recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improving the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Good, a resident of Kingsport and a sixth-grader at Innovation Academy, has achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Courtney earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy; she has been helping families with hospitalized children since she was three years old, when she began collecting food for them; and

WHEREAS, with her parents' help, she created "Courtney's Food Wagon" and began collecting food items to distribute to families of sick children; each Christmas, she delivers pre-packaged food to the family kitchen of the pediatrics unit and neonatal intensive care unit of the hospital where she herself was born prematurely; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Good is also involved with the Children's Miracle Network (CMN); her story of surviving premature birth has helped the organization raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to help sick children across the country. She was selected to be a CMN ambassador

and, in that role, has spoken at press conferences, participated in fundraising events, and appeared in advertisements, including a donation drive in twenty-two Walmart stores, which raised more than \$220,000 for CMN; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Courtney Good, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Courtney Good, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Courtney Good, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.